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**RE: Right-to-Know Law Request No. 2252**

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter acknowledges receipt by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (hereinafter "Commission") of your written request for public records pursuant to the Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. § 67.101 et seq. (hereinafter "RTKL"). The Commission received your request on July 10, 2019. On July 17, 2019, the Commission notified you that it required an additional 30 calendar days, until August 16, 2019, in which to provide a final written response to your request. This letter will serve as the Commission's final response.

For purposes of this letter, you have stated:

I would like to obtain all emails sent to, from, or copied to Leslie S. Richards containing the non-case-sensitive key-string "EB-5" from January 1, 2017 to Present Day.

The RTKL defines a public record, in pertinent part, as:

A record, including a financial record, of a Commonwealth ... agency that: (1) is not exempt under section 708; (2) is not exempt from being disclosed under any other Federal or State law or regulation or judicial order or decree; or (3) is not protected by a privilege.

65 P.S. § 67.102.

As written, your request meets the requirements of the RTKL. However, after a thorough examination of the records in its possession, custody and control, the Commission determined that no public record exists to satisfy your request. For this reason, your request is denied.

You have a right to appeal the determination. The appeal must be submitted to the Office of Open Records within fifteen (15) business days of the mailing date of the Commission's response denying your request. Your appeal must state the grounds upon which you assert that the records requested are public records and addressing any grounds stated by the Commission for denying your request. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a).

Appeals should be sent to:

Office of Open Records  
333 Market Street, 16th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234  
Facsimile: 717-425-5343  
E-mail: [openrecords@state.pa.us](mailto:openrecords@state.pa.us) [As a Word or PDF attachment]

You must also submit an identical copy of your appeal to the Commission. The copy should be sent to:

Asia Veale  
Open Records Officer  
P.O. Box 67676  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-7676  
Facsimile: 717-986-9654  
E-mail: [aveale@paturndike.com](mailto:aveale@paturndike.com)

For more information regarding the procedure to appeal, please visit the Office of Open Records' website at <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov>.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (717) 831-7381.

Very truly yours,

*L. Evan Van Gorder*

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